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SUBJ: HARASSMENT OF VISA APPLICANTS

BEGIN SUMMARY

IN THREE RECENT INCIDENTS, MILITIA POSTED IN FRONT OF CONGEN BUILDING HAVE HARASSED SOVIETS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER CONGEN TO DISCUSS EMIGRATION, OR HAVE DETAINED THEM FOR QUESTIONING ON DEPARTURE.

END SUMMARY

1. ON OCTOBER 21, MSG ON DUTY WATCHED (ON TELEVISION MONITOR) A YOUNG MAN APPROACH THE FRONT DOOR AND RING DOOR BELL. MILITIA MEN ON DUTY IMMEDIATELY GRABBED YOUNG MAN AND HUSTLED HIM, WITH SOME DEGREE OF FORCE, INTO THEIR "READY ROOM" IN BUILDING NEXT DOOR. MSG ALERTED CONSOFFS, WHO WENT OUTSIDE AND ASKED MILITIA WHAT HAD HAPPENDED TO VISITOR. FIRST REPLY WAS THAT "HE MAKE A MISTAKE," WHICH WAS RAPIDLY CHANGED TO "WHAT VISITOR? THERE WAS NO ONE HERE." CONGEN PROTESTED THIS DENIAL OF ACCESS TO DIPLOMATIC AGENCY. COPIES OF NOTE POUCHED MOSCOW AND EUR/SOV.

2. ON OCTOBER 23, ANOTHER POTENTIAL EMIGRANT CALLED CONGEN, SET UP APPOINTMENT, AND WAS MET AND ESCORTED INTO BUILDING BY CONSOFF. ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS DEPARTURE, HE WAS DETAINED BY MILITIA AND ESCORTED TO READY ROOM.

HE WAS NOT SEEN TO EMERGE, BUT WE ASSUME THERE ARE BACK DOORS TO THEIR
LOCAL MINIATURE DETENTION CENTER.

3. ON AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 28, A CONGEN OFFICER NOTICED THAT MILITIA
WERE AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO HUSTLE OFF A VISITOR AND APPEARED ON SCENE
WITH CAMERA AT THE READY. MILITIA ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN THAT INDIVIDUAL

WAS MENTALLY DISTURBED, BUT CONCEDED THAT THE PERSON HAD NO HOSPITAL
PAPERS TO THIS EFFECT WHEN CONSOFF QUESTIONED. UPON FURTHER REQUEST,
MILITIA THEREUPON RELEASED INDIVIDUAL AND HE WAS ESCORTED INTO
BUILDING.

IT TURNED OUT THAT HE WAS YOUNG MAN OF INCIDENT NUMBER 1, A LENINGRADER

NAMED IGOR' BORISOVICH SHKURO. SHKURO SAID HE WAS TOLD BY MILITIA/
KGB THAT REASON FOR HIS DETENTION WAS THAT MILITIA ON DUTY HERE
BELIEVED HE WAS A MADMAN WHO INTENDED TO SMASH OUR WINDOWS. HE WAS
LATER RELEASED AFTER A PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION AT A MENTAL HOSPITAL.
SHKURO EXECUTED A PRELIMINARY VISA QUESTIONNAIRE AND DISCUSSED PROS-
PECTS OF EMIGRATION (NO US SPONSOR) IN RATIONAL TERMS. HE DID NOT,
RPT NOT, APPEAR TO BE MENTALLY DISTURBED. ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM
CONGEN, BUILDING, SHKURO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A CONGEN OFFICER RIGHT TO
TURNSTILE OF NEARBY METRO STATION. MILITIA MEN ON DUTY BADE TWO AND
EXTREMELY SARCASTIC "DO SVEDANIYA" (GOOD BYE).

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT WORD MAY BE GETTING AROUND ON KISSINGER-
JACKSON EXCHANGE OF LETTERS; AND NEITHER OF ABOVE TWO POTENTIAL VISA
APPLICANTS CLAIMED BEING JEWISH. IS ALSO APPEARS THAT
WHATEVER INSTRUCTIONS CENTRAL AUTHORITIES MAY BE ISSUING TO IMPLE-
MENT REVISED EMIGRATION POLICY HAVE NOT YET PERCOLATED TO LEVEL OF
GUARDS AT CONGEN'S FRONT DOOR.
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